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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application. Copies of the listed document are enclosed. A translation of the foreign language document(s) is not readily available.

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The documents submitted herewith were cited during prosecution of German and European applications corresponding to the above-referenced application.

International Publication WO 98/24548 discloses a reaction vessel.

International Publication WO 98/57180 discloses a heating probe.

International Publication WO 99/61578 discloses temperature control of incubation vessels using electrically conductive polymers.

British Publication GB 2,333,350A discloses a reduced volume heated reaction vessel.

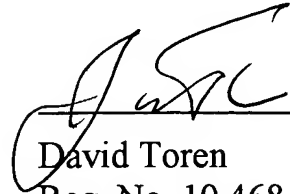
German Publication DE 3132 926 A1 discloses temperature-controllable cuvette with a plastic body, especially a flow cuvette for the optical study of liquid sample-reagent mixtures. The object of the invention is to integrate a temperature-control device with the cuvette to such an extent that both components form an integral whole. Once the plastic body comprising the cuvette and the temperature-control device has been manufactured, no further operations should be required. The invention is characterised in that the cuvette

body, which consists of electroconductive plastic, itself forms the electrical resistance heater. The cuvette body is surrounded by a housing of electroconductive material, a glass pane being fixed at each end face of the housing. An electrical internal conductor is arranged concentrically in the cuvette body, and the associated terminal of opposite polarity is arranged on the housing. The cuvette body consists of electroconductive polytetrafluoroethylene, PTFE, having a graphite content of from approximately 10 to 20%.

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